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AMENDMENT

MS: NON-FEE AMENDMENT

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Greetings:

In Response to the Office Action of May 21, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 9 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) An ink drying system for high speed printing on a traveling sheet of material, the system being coupled to a source of pressurized gas and comprising:

a plurality of plenums disposed so as to extend over the sheet, said plenums each including an associated plurality of orifices spaced apart from one another so as to define respective drying portions thereof;

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